

Summer 2016 Art at Penn Place

From June 26th through July 23rd, the Gallery will exhibit the work of Garrett Park artist, Suzi Gifford. A resident of Garrett Park for 25 years, Suzi received her BFA from the Corcoran College of Art & Design in Washington, DC, and taught children's classes at the Corcoran Gallery. She attended graduate school at The American University in Washington, DC, studying Art Management, and is a member of the Montgomery Art Association and the Rockville Art League, as well as co-chair of the Penn Place Gallery.

Inspired by the drawings of the Golden Age illustrators, Suzi began her art career as a free-lance illustrator. Having taught art to children for many years, Suzi especially enjoyed leading the Garrett Park Youth Art Show this year, and volunteers many hours teaching art, poetry, and gardening to assisted living seniors. Suzi also worked many years at Johnson's Flower and Garden Center where she was lured into the colorful world of flowers. Suzi's perennial garden ... home to deer, rabbits, fox, squirrels and a huge variety of birds ... has been the inspiration for many of her unique paintings. The purpose of Suzi's art is simply to create joyful moments, appreciate nature, celebrate color, and inspire imagination. You can see more of Suzi's work at thepaintedbungalow.com, including portraits and whimsically painted furniture.

Please join us at Suzi's 'Meet-the-Artist' reception on July 10, from 3-5pm!

Beginning July 24th, we are pleased to present 'Art in Architecture' by Garrett Park artist David Almy.

During Dave's career as an architect, he has designed a variety of projects, including new residential homes and remodeling, over 200 banks, several schools, and many swimming pools, natatoriums, and water parks. In his work, Dave has strongly depended upon his ability to draw, as a tool to demonstrate his designs. Dave's show will give us a glimpse of the varied art techniques employed to create architectural design, including very loose pencil sketches, pen and ink drawings, water color, and colored pencil renderings. Also included will be a few photographs of the completed projects.

Dave's work will be on exhibit through August 20, and he looks forward to seeing you at his Meet-the-Artist Reception on July 31, from 3-5pm.

On August 21st, Penn Place Gallery will present the beautiful work of Jennifer Kahn Barlow, our 2015 Invitational winner! Jennifer's confectionary paintings were recently exhibited at Strathmore Art Center, and distill precious moments from the normal chaos of daily life.

"The indulgences I render in oil on canvas, speak simultaneously to a powerful cultural trend as well as a personal challenge. As a mother of two young children, time is the most elusive of all commodities. Its value is made commensurate through my rendering of sweets."

The French Macaron, Jennifer's primary source of inspiration, has emerged as a metaphor for all of her desires for indulgence temporarily placed on hold, due to motherly duties. Composed amongst many of the trappings of daily life (reading glasses, coffee cup, tea set), these delicious oases offer a brief hiatus from life's daily operations. Holding on to these glorious indulgences in a permanent state of joy is the goal of so much of Jennifer's work, as she seeks to capture the full splendor of life, its brief indulgences, as well as its harder-won rewards.

Please join Jennifer at her 'Meet-the-Artist' reception on August 28th from 3-5 pm, and don't miss this delicious exhibit, which will be on display through September 17th.

Please note that the Gallery will be 'dark' from June 19-25 for annual repairs.